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FRONT RANGE RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
VICTOR COMMUNITY BUILDING  
VICTOR, CO  
September 2, 2004

**MINUTES**

**Group 1**

Gene King  
Virginia Patton  
Charles Rech

**Group 2**

Kaaren K. Hardy  
Donna Murphy

**Group 3**

Keith McNew  
Joseph Duda  
Michael Bush

RAC Members not in attendance: Jim Coleman, Rick Thompson, Josh Oserhoudt, Larry Strohl, Jim Bensberg and Loren Whittemore.

**GUESTS:** Robert Shoemaker, Frances Mathews, Clyde Mathews and Jackie Bush

**BLM/FS PERSONNEL:** Roy Masinton, Ken Smith, Diann Gese, Marilyn Schuyler and Barbara Masinton (USFS)

There was not adequate attendance for a quorum.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:** Roy Masinton announced the new RAC members; Jim Coleman, Donna Murphy and Jim Bensberg, and re-appointed RAC members Larry Strohl and Michael Bush. Members whose terms expired in August are: Robert Shoemaker, Clarke Becker and Frances Mathews. Since Leslie Wildesen moved out of state and resigned from the Council, a decision needs to be made concerning that vacant position. It can remain vacant until the 2005 annual nomination process or a special nomination period can be held this fall. That decision has to be made yet.

**OLD BUSINESS:** FRRAC 04-03, the Resolution on elk herds in the San Luis Valley was passed on July 29, 2004.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments.

**MANAGERS UPDATE:**

**Roy Masinton, Royal Gorge Field Manager:**

**Gold Belt Travel Management Plan:** The protest and appeal period ended July 15. There was only one minor appeal concerning a single route located in the Shelf Road Climbing Area which will not delay implementation on the rest of the Plan.. The Field

Office has just begun to implement the decisions made in the Plan. Full implementation of the Travel Management Plan over the entire Gold Belt area will require several years to complete.

**Arkansas River Travel Management Plan:** Two public meetings are scheduled to gather input for the Plan. The first is October 5<sup>th</sup> in Canon City at the new City Administration Building, 128 Main Street, from 6 to 8 PM. The second meeting will be held October 6<sup>th</sup> in Salida at the Senior Citizens Center, 305 F Street, from 6 to 8 PM. Maps of the existing roads and trails and specific information about the natural resources and current uses in the planning area will be presented at both meetings. Two additional sets of public meetings are planned later in the process. It is hoped that the final decision notice for the Arkansas River Travel Management Plan will be released by January, 2006. BLM would like to see RAC representatives at the meetings and would like to have 3 or 4 RAC members become subgroup members to solicit input from Stake Holders.

**Diann Gese, Monte Vista Public Lands Center:**

Diann Gese stood in for Mark Sweeney. Appraisal of the Baca Land Exchange is scheduled for 2005.

**Kaaren Hardy, Historic Preservation at Cripple Creek and Victor Mine:** Gave an overview of Historic Preservation and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the importance of recognizing and protecting our cultural resources and historic properties on public lands. Section 106 requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties and provides the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment on Federal projects prior to implementation.

She also talked about the specific historic and archaeological preservation of the area prior to approval of the Cripple Creek and Victor Mine Permit. The mine Plan was approved in 1991 and was first permitted in 1994.

**LUNCH**

After lunch the RAC members and guest were taken on a tour of the Cripple Creek and Victor Mine.

The meeting was then adjourned at 4 p.m..

Roy L. Masinton  
Royal Gorge Field Manager  
Bureau of Land Management

Keith McNew  
Acting Chair  
Front Range Resource Advisory Council